

PROFESSOR SUE DOCKETT

Citation for the conferral of the title of Emeritus Professor

Professor Sue Dockett commenced at Charles Sturt University in January 2007 as Professor of Early Childhood Education in the Murray School of Education (now the School of Education), serving in this position until her retirement on 4 January 2018.

During her 11 years with Charles Sturt University, Professor Dockett has made an outstanding and exemplary contribution not only to the University but to the wider scholarly community. She continues her commitment to the University through doctoral supervision, participation in funded research, and publication and policy development in local, national and international forums, including keynote presentations and collaborative projects.

Professor Dockett's tenure at Charles Sturt University has been characterised by highly distinguished service in all areas of endeavour – teaching, research, administration and community engagement. She has supervised nine doctoral students to graduation, one of whom is graduating in this ceremony and another scheduled to graduate in 2019, with Professor Dockett winning the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Research Supervision Excellence.

Professor Dockett has been Chief Investigator on multiple externally funded research grants, including five ARC grants; published 110 pieces of scholarly work including more than 80 books, book chapters and journal articles; managed a \$3.2 million project titled '*Building Capacity for Early Childhood Education*' for the University; and continues as the longest-serving member, and current Deputy Chair, of the NSW Educational Standards Authority.

Professor Dockett is recognised as a national and international leader in her multiple fields of research including: educational transitions, particularly starting school; ethical research with children and families; participatory rights-based research; working with families and communities with complex support needs; transition to school in Indigenous communities; and elicitation of children's perspectives. She received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence in 2011, has been honoured internationally

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with visiting professorships for three years each in universities in Sweden and Iceland, and was the recipient of the prestigious Australian Government Endeavour Executive Award in 2013. Professor Dockett's publications, including one book in its 7th edition, are highly regarded and widely cited.

From 2012 to 2016, Professor Dockett was the Australian co-leader of a European Union Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme grant, which has supported extensive and extended collaborations between researchers at universities in Iceland, Scotland, Sweden, New Zealand and Charles Sturt. As a consequence of leadership in this international alliance, Professor Dockett was awarded a visiting professorship in honour of Nobel Peace Prize winner, Alva Myrdal, at Mälardalen University in Sweden.

Both as part of the international alliance and in her role within the European Early Childhood Education Research Association, Professor Dockett has delivered keynote addresses at major conference events held in many countries, engaged in discussions with key educational policy-makers, and delivered a series of open public lectures. On each occasion, she has been a prominent and highly regarded ambassador for Charles Sturt University.

In spite of her outstanding record as an esteemed teacher and researcher, Professor Dockett has always used her skills and humility to nurture the progress of less-experienced academics and research students as they move through the beginnings of their careers. While her doctoral supervision record at the University speaks for itself, she has also assisted many others in their work. One current colleague at the University recently wrote "On so many occasions, I have seen that gentle smile, those nods of encouragement – and the way in which Sue will give you time and space to speak, and not steal the spotlight for herself."

The University has enormous respect for Professor Dockett's intellect, vision and commitment, as a means to benefit society and the public good. She has been an outstanding role model as an academic leader and is very much deserving of the title of Emeritus Professor.

Dated this Nineteenth Day of December Two Thousand and Eighteen

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